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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE U.S.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was sentenced in federal court today for illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported.

Carlos Arellano-Alegre, 45, of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On July 28, 2004, **Arellano-Alegre** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported from the country. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in Barry County, Mo., on May 25, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person who has been deported from the United States to re-enter the country without the consent of the United States Attorney General. **Arellano-Alegre** was deported from the United States after being convicted of an aggravated felony on Oct. 28, 1999.

Arellano-Alegre was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 12, 2004, in Springfield.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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